

Hello Class of "52" !

Welcome to the 10 year reunion of the class of "52".

The years have passed quickly since we graduated from good "Ole" SCHS. . Our memories of being privileged to be the first class to graduate from the new high school are full of pleasant happenings and bonding friendships.

Notwithstanding are our memories of the old school, where we spent the majority of our school time together and where we suffered our ups and downs, and many joyous days.

May you all have a wonderful evening, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Hoping to see you again in ten more years, we remain.

Sincerely,

The Reunion Committee

PROGRAM

WELCOME	_____	Don Huerter
COCKTAILS	_____	6:30 - 7:30
BUFFET DINNER	_____	7:30 - 8:30
PROGRAM	_____	Awards
DANCING & GET TOGETHER	_____	8:30 - ?

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Don Huerter

Dorthy Lorson

Jean Kongs, Moss

IN MEMORIAM

LOUIS WICHMAN, JR.

Words cannot express our sorrow

do you remember .....

first day of school with all those unfamiliar faces... one armed desks with corner ink wells... fellow who drank ink... punishment in the cloakroom... geography books slamming against hard heads... spelling downs... arithmetic contests at the blackboard.... plush bathrooms .. field day relays... the Bluffs... short skirts... loud mouthed boys.... stuck up girls..... screechers at the blackboard.... clanking heat pipes... scrap iron drive.. 8th grade graduation with those gowns that were so misfitted... class day at Scyamore Springs..... Ohh, and those sore muscles... anticipation of a coming test... sizing up a new classmate... initiation with the dumping that followed... that crazy, mixed up language known as Latin... First Fridays followed by cocoa and rolls.... being big shot sophmores..... dissecting those poor animals... home economic blunders... pep rallies.. snake dances through town.... raids on forthcoming Trojan opponents in neighboring towns... Paul's place... Harsh's.... Devils drop... being snowballed after school..... Fr. James' history writing marathons..... ingenuity of halloweeners who put a wagon on the roof of the school.... scramble in the hall for boots... dances (boys on one side and girls on the other and never the twain would meet).... nuns losing all hope at the class plays... basketball and football games.... typewriting class under the guidance of sleeping eyes... shorthand at the blackboards.... planning Prom for seniors.... selecting class colors like black and blue with a little pea green thrown in.... wise cracks.... signals.... cars roaring out after last class... infracting the rules... moving into the new school.... our beautiful singing.... getting out the Optimist..... Homework before class.... watching movies about the craziest subjects... sneak day.... visiting that brewery... fellow who mistakingly stuck his head in the opening where a tank of beer was fermenting.... graduation trials... white gowns and heels.... the dawning that school was almost over and having doubts of the future.... graduation ..... remember.....

fun wasn't it?



## CLASS HISTORY---

In September, 1939, we the class of '52, with smiling faces and happy hearts, met our teacher, Sister Mary Daniel. Thirty-seven bright happy children had set our baby feet on the rock road of education.

In our second grade we were welcomed by Sister Mary James. Father Matthew and Father Basil came to Seneca and soon became close friends and advisors. Kenneth Melcher and George Ronnebaum joined our class. That year was climaxed by our First Holy Communion.

We entered the third grade with Sister Georgine as our teacher. New double desks made talking the main event. Jeannie Kongs and Harry Koelzer joined us. We were confirmed by Bishop Shulte.

During our fourth year we had Sister Monica the first semester and Sister Wilma the second semester. Betty Lierz, Norma Riecherter, and Mary Louise McGehee were newcomers to the class. Harry Koelzer moved to California.

In the fifth grade Sister Collette welcomed us. We numbered 45 with new members, Dorothy Lorson, Pat Lukens, Hubert Lackey, and Ed Crevier. We went to the Bluffs with the sixth grade for our class picnic.

On reaching the sixth grade we succeeded in keeping our room in an uproar by giving hypos with compasses or putting gum in someone's hair, causing Sister Norbert unending troubles.

Ascending to the seventh grade, we welcomed Cecil Henry and Donna Shaughnessy. Sister Celeste, our teacher, was replaced by Sister Mary Magadalene in the second semester. We took the 8th grade to Sycamore and gave three \$25 bonds to the building fund for the new school.

When we entered the eighth grade Sister Priscilla greeted us. We sent rosaries to Father Prosper, a colored Benedictine in the Bahamas and food and clothing to Germany. We welcomed our new pastor and assistant Father Albert and Father Egbert. We gave Sister Priscilla a suitcase for working so hard with us, and also one to Sister Hildalita, our principal. We graduated on May 20, leaving behind our days of grade school and looking forward to the coming events.

As Freshmen we added Mary Irene Haug, Jim Broxterman, Laura Fenton, Bill Kuckleman, Gene Hickman, Noreen Sunneberg, and our sponsor, Sister Lawrence to our ranks. The first major event was our initiation, five days of torture at the hands of the seniors. Father George became our new assistant pastor, and held a religion contest. Freshmen taking part were Jerry Huerter, Mary Jane Wempe, Diane Mealy, Lou Luckeroth, Donald Widman, and Jack Luebbe. Many boys were on the football and basketball squads, and some girls were on the Trojanette squad.

With enthusiasm our sophomore year began with Sister Celeste as sponsor. This enthusiasm was greatly diminished by Father Albert's death, on Sept. 30th. Our new pastor, Father Edmund, was welcomed by all, and soon started the drive for our new school. Bill Smirl and Jim Broxterman were on the football team, while Jack Luebbe was on the basketball team. Jeannie Kongs, Georgie Nolte, Marlene Haverkamp, and Jan Koelzer were Trojanette members. Father George took us on a weiner

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## CLASS HISTORY (continued)

roast out to the lake. On the way the truck caught fire, but was quickly put out by the assistance of the Ambrose Koelzer household.

With thoughts turned to the coming Prom, we chose capable junior class officers, Pat Rooney, Jerry Huerter, Diane Mealy, and Lou Luckeroth. Jerry Winkler joined us and our sponsor was again Sister Celeste. Juniors on the football team were Jerry Huerter, Jim Broxterman, Bill Smirl, and Elmer Muetting. Jerry Huerter was elected captain for 1951. In basketball Jack Luebbe, Bob Winterschiedt, Don Huerter, Jeep Honeyman and Jerry Huerter were on the first and second teams. The Trojanettes were aided in their season's victories by junior members too. Jeannie Kongs was elected Trojanette captain for the next year.

Second semester, took over Optimist with Connie Haug and Donald Widman co-editors. After much hard work and planning the Prom became a reality for us. The theme, "Sea of the Moon," the orchestra, Kenny Knowles. On our trip to Atchison we were accompanied by Father James. We helped to buy new desks for the senior room in the new school, which had been started.

As seniors we felt as if we were in a dream. The new school which was a dream before was now a reality, due to the aid of our parents and the efforts of Father Edmund. We were welcomed by Sister Pancratia, our sponsor and principal. Mary Cunningham and Lola Rogers were new students. Sept. 10, our long awaited class rings arrived. Football season ended with a won two lost three and tied three record. Homecoming arrived with Norene Sunneberg, queen, Lou Luckeroth and Pat Rooney as attendants. Basketball season closed with a record of 21 games won and 6 lost, taking 1st in the county and district league and 2nd in the regional tournaments. The Easter Dance and the retreat given by Father Timothy Fry are activities we will remember. Then above all was the never to be forgotten "Stars are the Windows of Heaven", Junior-Senior Prom with the band of Buddy Brown and the beautiful decorations. Finally our dream come true, graduation for the class of "52".

Note: We started with 37 in our class and closed with the same number.



## CLASS WILL --

We, the learned and dignified Seniors of Sts. Peter and Paul, in the year 1952, do hereby make and publish this last will and testament in a solemn and serious manner, in which we legally dispose of our highly treasured possessions thereunto revoking all former will, bequests, devises of whatever natures by us already made.

Jerry Huerter bequeaths his beat up history book to Mary Meyer. Connie Haug wills her job as co-editor of the OPTIMIST to Leonard Uphaus. Patty Rooney wills her love for curly hair to Gladys Gudenkauf. Mary Alice Cunningham wills her place beside Father James in the drivers' ed. car to Pete O'Tolle. Elmer Tanking wills his cowboy boots and everything in them to Marilyn Rochel. Pat Madden leaves her job of washing dishes to anyone who feels up to it. Bill Kuckelman is leaving his job of driving the St Bridget school bus to his sister Carolyn. Bill Snirl leaves his love for the south part of town to Jerry Haverkamp and Janice Koelzer wills her love for soda jerks to anyone who can put up with one.

Donnie Huerter bequeaths his trips out north of town to Bob Sack. Mary Lou Luckeroth leaves her curly hair to "Toehead" Woltkamp. Gerry Wichman wills her love for sailors to anyone who is lucky enough to land one, while Jane Koelzer leaves all her Kelly fellows to Gladys Burdick.

Maxine Gudenkauf leaves her seat on the bus to Mary Ann Robke and her witty ways to Alice Mae Grollmes. Jerry Winkler leaves all his left-over history tests to whoever wants to buy them or feels that they will do him any good. Laura Mae Fenton bequeaths her last sheet of typing paper to "Web" Burdick. Jack Luebbe leaves his excellent basketball ability to Bennie Ann Claeys. Diane Mealy wills her scholastic ability to Bud Buser. Louis Wichman leaves his trips to Topeka to anyone who can stay awake that long. Dorothy Lorson wills her giggle to Janie Woltkamp.

Lela Rogers leaves her job of printing the Bulletin to Don Donaldson. Gene Hickman leaves his long hair to Buzz Fangman. Jim Broxterman leaves his beard to Jim Virant, just in case he should need it sometime. Jeannie Kongs leaves her captainship of the girls basketball team to Joannie Rottinghaus. Georgie Nolte wills her diet pills to Lyle Strathman.

Bill Lueb leaves all his red-hot magazines to Kate Wichman. Mary Jane Wempe leaves all her letters from Powhattan to her sister Clara, that is, if she can find them. Jerry Honeyman leaves his empty bottles to Donna Matthewson and Bo Winter-schiedt is leaving his trips to Sabetha to Roger Huerter. Norene Sunneberg leaves Jakie to anyone who thinks they can get hold of him.

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Elmer Muetting leaves his speaking ability in history class to Barbara Broxterman and Paul Shaughnessy his extra history notebook to anyone who needs it.

Diane Strathman leaves her letters from Macke to Leonard Buser. Irene Olberding leaves her red hair to Buzz Fangman. Cecil Henry leaves his history notebook to Marilyn Wichman, not that it will do her a bit of good.

In witness whereof, we, the Class of 1952 set our hands and seal to this valuable document, on this sixteenth day of May, Anno Domini, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.



## CLASS PROPHECY --

What's in the future for the class of '52? Here's a fantastic preview of their fates.

May 18, 1962, found Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Huerter (the former Mary Lou Luckeroth) going across the U.S. on their belated honeymoon, motoring around on their bicycle built for two. As Jerry had just begun his vacation as co-owner and main janitor of Leirz's Men's Wear, and Lou just getting out of nurses' training, they had decided to go on their honeymoon (which Jerry could not afford before) and maybe visit old classmates.

### Adventure Begins

While they were riding along, they heard a rumbling noise. Turning around, they saw a stock truck kiting along. Flagging it down, who should they find but Pat Rooney, Now Mrs. Jerry Winkler, and Jerry himself hauling cattle for Don Winkler down to Mr. and Mrs. Don Huerter's farm. Deciding to go to see Don, Jerry and Lou got directions and started off. Finding that they had gotten on the wrong road they met Cecil Henry driving his old F120 down Denver Ave. with his wife, and a trailer bouncing along behind. Stopping to talk to them, they asked them where they were taking the furniture and all those children. They said they had just gotten word to take over the convalescent home in Seneca. Then Lou asked them if they knew where Don Huerter lived. Cecil said they didn't know so Lou and Jerry drove on.

### Disaster !

Just when they hit the Utah State line, Jerry was looking through the rear view mirror with his mind focused on Lou and wasn't looking where he was going and ran into a cactus. What happened? The front wheel flew off. Going into the Jayhawk Drug Store to call a filling station, they were surprised to find Janice and Bill Smirl happily waiting on customers. After sitting down to drink a coke with them, Jerry asked to the whereabouts of Elmer Tanking. They were surprised to find that he had joined the Navy and married a Wave. He is stationed at Downey, California. They also asked them who was a good bicycle repairman and Janice said to call Bill Lueb at his Standard Station. Going down to it, they found Gerry Wichman as his wife and bookkeeper. Bill fixed the tire so that it looked better than it did when it was new; while Lou talked to Gerry, she asked her if she knew where Don Huerter lived and Gerry said she didn't know. They tanked Bill and Gerry and left town.

### More old Friends

On Sunday morning they decided to go to Mass so they stopped off at St. John's Cathedral. Who did they find giving the sermon but the Rev. Jack Luebke. He was preaching on soberness. After mass, Lou and Jerry went to see him. They asked him why he decided to become a priest. Jack said he had been thinking about it all during his school years. Jerry asked if there were any other classmates here, and Jack said Mary Alice Cunningham was there and that she was now Sister Pancratia, Jr.. She said that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Broxterman were in the parish. Sister said that she was teaching Jim, Jr. and he was really onrey. Diane Mealy

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## CLASS PHOPHECY (continued)

was now a famous organist, but still played in the parish church there.

After leaving Utah, they went into Reno, Nevada where they found Jane Koelzer, Maxine Gudenkauf and Pat Madden as marriage brokers. Lou and Jerry asked if they were having any luck and they said they had just married off Jeep Honeyman to a girl from Pawnee and Bo Winterscheidt to a girl from Sabetha. After finding that out they drove through the main street and who should they find but Don Widman sweeping the streets. They stopped to talk to him and asked him if he had seen or heard where Don Huerter lived. He said he didn't, so Lou and Jerry left. They drove on to see the city hall and inside they found Georgina Nolte, Mary Jane Wempe and Norene Sunneberg there still looking for prospects. After saying goodby to them, Jerry and Lou drove on and glancing at their map, decided to visit Ghaughnessy, California, which was now on the map and also the Capitol. They met Paul the first thing and he asked them how they liked his nice city. He told them that there was a new Lou Wichman production in town entitled "Queens from Seneca". In it were Dorothy Lorson, and Irene Olberding. He said that the hairdressing was done by Gene Hickman and Bill Kuckelman. Paul also told them that Diane Strathman was the dietitian at the Elmer Muetting Institution for Sore Fee, and Laura Fenton, Marlene Haverkamp and Jeannie Kongs were nurses there.

### End of the Trail

Then he said that Connie Haug was the only one they hadn't heard about. Paul said that she was in town and that she was a member of the F. B. I. and had finally caught up with Don and Katie Huerter. Wow! Were they ever glad that Don and Katie were still here to be seen.



Jim Broxterman  
801 N.E. 53  
Portland 13, Oregon

Jim and Marilyn have been married 5½ years and have one adopted son. Jim is a boy shop foreman at Chrysler City and Marilyn housewife.

Mary Alice Cunningham (Popken)  
Palisade, Nebraska

Mary is married to George Popken. They have been "hitched" for 8½ years and have 5 boys. No need to wonder how Mary occupies her time. George is a herdsman for Schroeder Cattle Co.. Congratulations will again be in order sometimes in July.

Laura Mae Fenton (Reves)  
Burlingame, Kansas

Laura is married to Lyle Reves and they have four children. Lyle is a brickmason and Laura a housewife. Are there any red haired children Laura? They have been married 8½ yrs.

Maxine Gudenkauf (Koehler)  
Hanover, Kansas

Max has been married to Carl Koehler for 7 years and they have 2 children. She is a housewife and Carl is making his "millions" farming.

Connie Lu Haug (Sr. Mary Omer, O.P.)  
504 West St. John  
Garden City, Kansas

Sr. Omer has been in the convent 9½ years and claims 46 children - all 7 years of age. She teaches the 2nd grade and lists her spouse as "Ruler of the World". I'll bet money Sr. Omer has difficulty keeping back the giggles at some of her children's remarks. We feel honored having her listed as a classmate.

Marlene Haverkamp (Sinnott)  
3234 Munson  
Topeka, Kansas

Stan and Marlene have been married 5 years this month. They are the parents of two daughters. Marlene has a BS in Education. Stan is a Reinsurance Underwriter. Must be nice to have all those females around you Stan.

Cecil Henry  
16089 Wellington Way  
San Leandor, California

"Cec"

Gene Hickman  
(address unknown)

"Jeep"

Jerry Honeyman  
Wilwood Heights  
Powell River  
B.C., Canada

Don Huerter  
020 Grandview  
Kansas City, Kansas

Don and Katie (Wichman) have been married 5 years. Kate, a former SCHS grad, is a RN and Don is employed at TWA. Must be grand to belong to the American Legion, Don. Going to be chairman next time?



Jerry Huerter  
24 Rose Loop Road  
Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

Dr. Huerter is married to the former Jo Ann Ryan who is a RN and Jerry is a dentist. They have been married for 3 years. Classmates - visit your dentist regularly - you may see a friend at the helm.

Jane Koelzer (Niehaus)  
Box 202  
Robbins, California

Jane is married to Louis Niehaus and has been for six years. They have four children. Louis is a Millioright and Jane a housewife. How'd you get so far from home Jane?

Janice Koelzer (Sr. Mary Jacinta CSJ, RN, BSN) Sr. Jacinta has been in the religious life for 9 years and lists her spouse as The King of Kings, The Perfect Man, Christ Jesus. She has 19 girls (nursing students) whom she teaches and is working toward her MX degree in nursing. Her occupation is the salvation of souls. She will return to the Univ. of Marquette in Sept. Sr. Jacinta, we are very proud of you !

Jean Kongs (Moss)  
7806 Blue Grass Drive  
Pa rkville, Missouri

Jean has been married to Don Moss for 7 years and they have a son and a daughter. Don is employed by TWA as a radio Mech. Jean works at being a housewife. (It's work too, believe me ?)

Bill Kuckleman  
Axtell, Kansas

Dorothy Lorson  
Seneca, Kansas

Dorothy, one of the prettier classmates, is a career gal and works as a clerk in Harsh's Drug Store. Bachlors in Seneca must be blind letting this gal be single, or is this your idea Dot?

Mary Lou Luckeroth (Storeing)  
6204 S.E. 46  
Portland, Oregon

"Lou"

Bill Lueb  
(address unknown)

Jack Luebbe  
970 44 Ave.  
Winona, Minnesota

Dr. Luebbe is married to the former Leona Bokern. They have been married 3 years and have 3 children. Jack is a dentist, so when in Winona, drop in and say "Ahh".

Pat Madden (McKinney)  
2400 W. 38th Ave.  
Kansas City, Kansas

Bob and Pat have been married 4 years. Bob is a careerman in the USAF and Pat is a housewife. Bob piolets airplanes a great deal and Pat loves to fly !ha



Diane Mealy (Barber)  
1601 Everett  
Kansas City, Kansas

Diane is married to Paul Barber and they have two children, a girl and a boy. Diane has a Biology degree and was working as a medical technologist but at the present time is busy being a housewife. Paul is a Civil Engineer and works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They have been married 2 years. How's the new baby?

Elmer Muetting  
25071 Midland  
Detroit 39, Michigan

Elmer has been married to the former Barbara Mohr for 6 years. They have 2 children, a boy Alan Joseph and a girl, Barbara Kay. Barbara is a housewife and Elmer is a tool maker. Wonder if he can get us a new car wholesale?

Georgina Nolte (Van Cott)  
304 Chestnut  
Havelock, North Carolina

Georgie is married to Richard C. Van Cott who is in the U.S.M.C.. They have been married  $5\frac{1}{2}$  years and have one son, Cliff. No doubt, "George" now has a southern drawl.

Irene Olberding(Heinen)  
Seneca, Kansas

Patricia Rooney (West)  
407 1st St. East  
Banksdale A.F. B., Louisiana

Pat is married to Don West and they have one child. Don is in the U.S.A.F. and Pat is a Beautician. They have been married  $7\frac{1}{2}$  years. Pat's here -- anyone for a manicure?

Lela Rogers  
(address unknown)

Paul Shaughnessy  
(address unknown)

Bill Smirl  
Moberly, Missouri

Bill and Ann Smirl have two sons, Chris 4, and Tim 3. They recently moved from Beloit to Moberly. Bill graduated from K.U. with a BS in Pharmaceutical Chemist and Ann is soon to initiate a therapy program in Moberly for MS, CP and Polio stricken children. She has a BS in Physical Therapy. Sound like a couple of solid citizens to me.

Diane Strathman (Martin)  
1231-33 St. S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Diane is married to Michael Martin & they have two children. She has a BS from the Univ. of Nebraska. Mike (if I may be so informal) is a distributor and dealer of industrial equipment in Cedar Rapids. They have been married 5 years. Did you ever find the questionnaire Diane?



Norene Sunneberg (Lackey)  
6412 Dudley  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Elmer Tanking  
908 W. 33rd St.  
Topeka, Kansas

Mary Jane Wempe (Rochel)  
Axtell, Kansas

Geraldine Wichman (Woltkamp)  
512 Alta Lane  
Olatha, Kansas

Louis Wichman, Jr.  
Seneca, Kansas

Donald Widman  
RA 17419019  
122nd Ord. Bn.  
A.P.O. 165  
New York, New York

Jerry Winkler  
406 North Erie  
Wichita, Kansas

Robert Winterschiedt  
1609 Shawnee  
Leavenworth, Kansas

Al Robke  
913 Pioneer  
Seneca, Kansas

Norene and Gene Lackey (also a former SCHS grad) have been married 8½ years & have 3 children. Gene is in the National Guard (full time) and Norene is a busy housewife and at the present is anticipating their 4th around reunion time.

Elmer is married to the former Anna Lea Wright and they have 3 children. He is employed as a plasterer and Anna Lea is a housewife. They have been married 3 years. (Elmer listed 2 children, but a birdie informed us of the new little Elmer) They're deductable Elmer! ha

Here's a busy gal: Mary Jane and Regis Rochel have been married 8 years and have 3 children. Mary Jane is the President of the Ladies Guild, among other things and Regis is in the farming business.

"Gerry"

deceased - Feb. 17, 1962

"Woody"

Jerry and Barbara (Howard) have been married 5 years and have 3 children. Jerry is an insurance agent.

Bob and Elaine have been married 5 years and have 3 children. Bob is a grocer and Elaine a housewife. If you plan to visit Leavenworth, let's hope it is to see Bob and Elaine and not other reasons!

Al is married to Erma Bokern and has been for 1½ years. He is employed in the capacity of a grain dealer's aid. They have one child. Although Al did not graduate with us it was decided by the committee that he should be included as he went through eleven years with us and anyone who will do that deserves to be included!